

VISAS

Exchange of notes at Paris April 5 and 8, 1946

Entered into force April 15, 1946

Replaced by arrangement of March 16 and 31, 1949¹

Department of State files

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

PARIS, April 5, 1946

MR. AMBASSADOR:

Following the exchange of views which has just taken place between the Embassy of the United States at Paris and the competent division of the French Government for the purpose of facilitating the movements of American and French citizens, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the following dispositions have received the approval of the French Government:

I. *Bearer of diplomatic, special or service passports*

The Embassy of France in the United States and the Embassy of the United States in France, irrespective of the purpose of travel, shall issue without reference to Paris or to Washington, visas for sojourn on American territory and on French continental territory (exclusive of Algeria and other French outlying territories) to citizens of one and the other country in possession of diplomatic, special or service passports. These visas may be valid for one year and for several return trips.

Transit visas for continuous travel through the continental territory of France or the United States shall be issued immediately, irrespective of purpose of travel, to holders of diplomatic, special or service passports in possession of the visa of the country of destination and of other countries in transit, if necessary.

II. *Bearer of Ordinary Passports*

1. *Visas for residence and transit with stop-over*

Upon presentation of:

¹ TIAS 1987, *post*, p. 1311.

- a) documents in support of one of the reasons mentioned in the appended enclosure;
- b) a valid passport,

all consular officers of France and of the United States will be authorized to issue to American and French citizens favorably known, and without reference to Paris or to Washington:

transit visas with stop-over and visas for residence valid for one year and several return trips, provided each period of residence shall not exceed three months, permitting entry into the territory of the United States and into French continental territory (exclusive of Algeria and other French outlying possessions).

2. *Transit visas for continuous travel*

Transit visas for continuous travel through French continental territory (exclusive of Algeria and other French outlying possessions) and through the territory of the United States, applied for by American and French citizens in possession of valid ordinary passports bearing the visa of the country of destination and if necessary of other countries en route, shall be issued immediately by consular officers of the two countries, without reference to Paris or to Washington.

3. *Exit visas*

Citizens of the United States are relieved from the necessity of obtaining exit visas from France. They may leave French territory upon mere presentation of their passport to border authorities.

French citizens are relieved from the necessity of obtaining exit visas from the United States.

III. Each of the two Governments may at any time, for reasons of public security, refuse the issuance of a visa for residence or transit with or without stop-over to the bearer of a diplomatic, special, service or ordinary passport.

IV. The above-mentioned provisions, which replace the agreement of April 6, 1945,² shall enter into force on April 15, 1946. They shall remain in operation as long as the present agreement shall not be denounced, a previous notice of one month being required therefor.

I have the honor to beg Your Excellency to let me know whether the above-mentioned dispositions meet with the agreement of the Government of the United States.

Please accept, Mr. Ambassador, the assurances of my high esteem.

CHAUVEL

² *Ante*, p. 1093.

LIST OF THE CASES IN WHICH VISAS VALID FOR ONE YEAR AND SEVERAL EXIT
AND RETURN JOURNEYS SHALL BE GRANTED TO CITIZENS OF THE UNITED
STATES AND OF FRANCE

| <i>Grounds</i> | <i>Visa to be granted to</i> | <i>Supporting documents to be presented</i> |
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| Business trips other than travel implying a remunerative contract or employment for the interested party in the country of destination | The interested party | Any documents establishing the bona fides of the reasons given. Before granting entry visas, the concerned diplomatic or consular authority shall have the power of investigating the bona fides of the reasons given. |
| Settlement of estate; notice to participate in a "Conseil de Famille" ("Board of Relatives") or summons to appear in court | Parties interested in the settlement of the estate or community status, or in settlements after divorce or separation; nominees to guardianships or deputy guardianships; parties to procedure of conciliation or summoned to appear in court; | Official notice from appropriate authorities |
| Reasons of health | The interested party and, if necessary, an accompanying person; | Medical certificate issued by an American or a French physician |
| Marriage | Future bride or groom, their ascendants, brothers and sisters; | Certificate of publication of the bans |
| Serious illness or death | Spouse, descendants, ascendant, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, nephew or niece of one of the spouses; | Report of death or medical certificate |
| Birth (actual or impending) | Father; grandparents; | Report of birth or medical certificate |

The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

No. 1318

PARIS, April 8, 1946

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Chauvel's letter of April 5, 1946, (Direction des Conventions Administratives, C. A. 1.), proposing changes in the Franco-American visa agreement of April 6, 1945.

After consultation with the Department of State, I am pleased to inform you that the proposals mentioned therein are agreeable to my Government. I am informing the Department of State that the new provisions will go into effect on April 15, 1946.

I take this occasion to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

JEFFERSON CAFFERY

His Excellency

Monsieur GEORGES BIDAULT,
Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Paris.